

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 490

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A RESOLUTION recognizing June Barrett, the founder of Crumley House, upon her selection by Encore.org as a 2013 Purpose Prize Fellow.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry, dedicating themselves to the care and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person who possesses a special affinity for the care and well-being of people who suffer the devastating debilities of traumatic brain injury is June Barrett of Limestone; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary senior citizen has received the esteemed recognition of being named a 2013 Purpose Prize Fellow by Encore.org, a nonprofit organization which promotes late-life careers devoted to difficult social problems. The Purpose Prize is awarded to honor Americans sixty years of age and older for social entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, when her then fourteen-year-old daughter Lori suffered a serious brain injury, June Barrett called forth her remarkable ingenuity, matched it with motherly love, and proceeded to actualize a powerful vision for a rehabilitation center in her area for patients such as her child; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Ms. Barrett, who was a professional real estate developer, opened Crumley House in a renovated home in Johnson City. It provides therapeutic and rehabilitative programming to brain-injured people with limited access to treatment beyond their initial medical care for the injury-causing accident; and

WHEREAS, Crumley House has since moved to its current location in Limestone, where it has provided residential services and day programming to more than 3,000 people from fifteen states and two foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, June Barrett, when beset with the toughest of problems, pulled a community of volunteers together and developed a one-of-a-kind brain injury program which has made a tremendous difference in the lives of people and caregivers who are acclimating to life with the consequences of traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, the Crumley House has made incredible differences in the lives of those served, and Ms. Barrett readily acknowledges that it gives extraordinary purpose to her life as well; and

WHEREAS, in her senior years, June Barrett has given herself as a shining example of service to others. She has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity in all her deeds, and she has won the unbridled respect and admiration of all who know her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby recognize and congratulate June Barrett, founder and director of Crumley House, on the occasion of receiving Encore.org's 2013 Purpose Prize Fellow award, thank her for her advocacy and care for traumatic brain injury persons, and extend our best wishes to her for boundless success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.